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SUBJECT : GUINEA PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON SITUATION IN SIERRA
LEONE AND ON LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT

1. DURING MEETING WITH AF/ W DIRECTOR AGGREY AND AMBASSADOR
ON MAY 5 PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE SAID HE HAS INFORMATION THAT
OPPOSITION PARTY IN SIERRA LEONE, WHICH HAS NOW WITHDRAWN
CANDIDATES FROM PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING NATIONAL
ELECTIONS, PLANS TO CREATE DISTURBANCES AND THERE IS NO
TELLING HOW THINGS WILL END. ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLICIZED,
THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT FIFTY DEATHS. SITUATION IS NOT GOOD
AND HE IS GREATLY CONCERNED FOR FUTURE AND STABILITY OF THAT
COUNTRY.

2. REGARDING LIBERIA, SEKOU TOURE SAID HE IS GREATLY
IMPRESSED WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, WHO IS AN HONEST AND
FORTHRIGHT PERSON. TOLBERT HAS SET FOR HIMSELF DIFFICULT
TASK OF BREAKING DECADES OF LETHARGY AND TRADITION TO GET
COUNTRY MOVING. HE CERTAIN TO MEET RESISTANCE AND HAVE
DIFFICULTIES BUT DESERVED AND SHOULD GET USG HELP. TOURE
ASKED AGGREY CONVEY RESPECTS AND WARM REGARDS TO TOLBERT.
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